

# STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** Proposed 2006-2008 Elementary  
School Attendance Zones

**ITEM NO:** 13B

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**MEETING:** February 14, 2006  
**ACTION DATE:** February 14, 2006

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:** That the School Board approve the proposed elementary school attendance zone recommendation for 2006 and the suggested attendance zones for 2007 and 2008 as provided to the Superintendent by the Elementary School Redistricting Committee and amended by request of the School Board.

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### KEY POINTS:

- ◆ Per School Board Policy 7-12, an Elementary School Redistricting Committee has been established and has met from October through November 2005 in an effort to reach a consensus on proposed elementary school attendance zones for the 2006 school year. The Elementary School Redistricting Committee has also suggested attendance zones for 2007 and 2008 as requested in the committee charge approved by the School Board on June 21, 2005 (Agenda Item 9C).
- ◆ The Redistricting Committee includes one teacher and one parent from each of eight existing elementary schools: Widewater, Moncure, Hampton Oaks, Winding Creek, Stafford, Falmouth, Hartwood and Rocky Run. These schools were considered to be the most likely to be affected by redistricting. Other elementary schools were informed if proposed recommendations impacted them. The committee also included two representatives of the Planning and Construction Department, the Chairman of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Long Range Planning and members of the SCPS Transportation Department.
- ◆ The **primary** goals in establishing a new attendance zone are the five guidelines included in Policy 7-12 and the redistricting charge approved by the School Board on June 21, 2005 (Agenda Item 13C):
  - A) Location
  - B) Balance
  - C) Minimum Disruption
  - D) Subdivision Integrity
  - E) Feeder Patterns
- ◆ The process of arriving at a recommended redistricting proposal took place in a highly interactive effort whereby School Board staff presented an initial option at the committee's first meeting. The purpose of this initial option was to generate committee discussion and to have the committee begin focusing on their goals and objectives

relative to countywide geography inclusive of current attendance zones, current student enrollments, projected student enrollments, current and projected subdivision growth, transportation corridors, existing facility locations and potential future facility locations. Giving credence to all considerations and factors, the committee, at subsequent meetings analyzed each option carefully. As a result, each meeting included staff bringing back one or two options from the previous meeting, inclusive of requested pertinent information being factored into the committee's preferred options from previous meetings.

The committee considered seven different options, eventually focusing on two preferred scenarios that became the final recommended redistricting options for 2006 and suggested redistricting options for 2007 and 2008.

- ◆ The committee was in agreement on both of the new 2006 Elementary and 2008 Elementary attendance zones as well as several concurrent moves (description of recommendation attached). The committee was unable to reach a decision between two options regarding concurrent moves to relieve Hartwood Elementary in 2006. The committee is providing Option A and Option B to the School Board.
- ◆ Option A would move students in England Run North Apartments from Hartwood to Falmouth, as already approved by previous School Board redistricting action, for the 2006 and 2007 school years and move approx. 90 students from Holly Corner Rd. east into Rocky Run in 2008. The England Run North Apartment students would then move into Elementary 2008 when the school opens. Option B would move a group of students in the far western area of the county in 2006 from Hartwood to Margaret Brent indefinitely with the students from Holly Corner Rd. east remaining at Hartwood.
- ◆ The committee cast one vote per school. There was unanimous support for the basic recommended moves for 2006 and 2008. (The recommendation does not propose any 2007 moves.) The committee decided that only the schools potentially affected under Option A or Option B should vote for their preference between options. These schools included Hartwood, Rocky Run, Falmouth and Margaret Brent. Margaret Brent Elementary, although not represented throughout the entire committee process, was consulted for a vote between option A and B. Option B would increase enrollments at the school by approximately 85 students. Margaret Brent would not be affected under Option A. Brent, Rocky Run and Hartwood voted in favor of Option A. Falmouth voted for Option B. Staff did not vote; however, the Pupil Transportation Department staff prefers Option B. Correspondence was sent to all committee members not in attendance at the final meeting and all elementary school Principals soliciting dissenting opinions if any existed.
- ◆ Additionally, the committee recommended that students affected in a final redistricting action by the School Board follow the transfer policy as currently defined in Policy and Regulation 7-13.
- ◆ Public Hearings for the Elementary School Redistricting were as follows:
  - January 12, 2006 – Stafford Elementary School
  - January 17, 2006 – Moncure Elementary School
  - January 19, 2005 – Falmouth Elementary School

Work sessions were held on January 4, 2006 and January 30, 2006.

- ◆ The same publicity plan followed in the Middle School Redistricting was implemented as part of the Elementary School Redistricting.
- ◆ Amendments to the committee recommendation requested by the School Board subsequent to any School Board meetings, work sessions or public hearings is attached.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: #4** – Address the impact of continuing population growth by developing plans to address expanding staff, facilities, transportation, attendance zones and instruction

**#5** – Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:** School Board Policy 7-12  
Code of Va., 22.1-79 Powers and duties.

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REDISTRICTING

## ITEM 1

### 2006 PROPOSED MOVES:

MES - IN: NONE OUT: Woodstream

HOES - IN: Portion of 156 (Settler's Landing, Oakbrooke, Meadowood), Woodstream OUT: APU 159

WCES - IN: NONE OUT: APUS: 164 (EAST OF 95 EXCEPT PARADISE MHP), 168, Portion of 156 (Settler's Landing, Oakbrooke, Meadowood and connecting streets)

SES - IN: NONE OUT: APUS 160 (Brooke Hill, Austin Run, Season's Landing, Stone River/Crescent Valley THs), 165

ES06 - IN: APUS 159, 164 (EAST OF 95 EXCEPT PARADISE MHP), 168, 160 (Brooke Hill, Austin Run, Seasons Landing and Stone River/Crescent Valley THs), 165

HES - IN: APU 141

MBES - IN: APU 141

*Delayed FFES to GVES move occurs as previously approved.*

*Delayed move from HES to FES (ERN Apts. and THs) does not occur as previously approved.*

### 2008 PROPOSED MOVES:

WES - IN: APU 175 and Port Aquia Subdivision, OUT: APUS 172, 173

MES - IN: APUS 172, 173, OUT: 150 (Along Staffordborough), 175, 176, Port Aquia Subdivision

HOES - IN: APUS 150, 176,

ES08 - IN: 126, 123 (NORTH OF 17 and East of Plantation), 127, 128, 129

RRES - IN: NONE OUT: APU 123 (NORTH OF 17 and East of Plantation) AND 126 (ALL)

HES - OUT: APU 127

FES - OUT: 128, 129

	CAPACITY	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Historic High
CES	950	697	760	774	787	781	800	
FES	690	445	547	626	495	552	580	811 (99)
FFES	640	634	568	562	565	569	578	716 (95)
ES06	950	0	800	846	850	841	845	
ES08	950	0	0	0	665	679	659	
GES	712	670	638	621	611	622	622	758 (01)
GVES	814	615	673	708	719	724	724	908 (04)
HES	636	582	618	685	604	668	721	754 (98)
HOES	908	886	655	684	917	959	993	1053 (01)
KWBES	828	736	764	782	771	772	739	773
MES	772	630	728	776	735	755	776	839 (01)
MBES	950	669	784	859	936	995	1048	669
PRES	794	613	645	629	620	580	585	936 (00)
RES	794	644	663	668	671	689	688	1015 (03)
RRES	860	908	980	1006	728	758	772	968 (04)
SES	752	878	639	665	706	731	750	889 (03)
WES	810	720	830	873	784	835	856	880 (01)
WCES*	838	841	699	753	877	999	1082	950 (01)
	14648	11168	11991	12517	13043	13510	13819	

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

### ITEM 2

All fifth graders may remain at their current schools as transfer students with transportation being the responsibility of the parent.

### ITEM 3

All fourth graders redistricted into ES06 may remain at their current schools with transportation being the responsibility of the parent.